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Mitch E. Daniels, Jr.
Governor
State of Indiana
Office of the Governor
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797

Dear Governor Daniels:

I am pleased to inform you that the four-year Indiana State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act beginning October 1, 2006, through September 30, 2010 is approved. I am particularly pleased with the Plan as it positions the Indiana aging program into a new strategic direction for improving long-term care services. The Indiana Options for Long-Term Care program will integrate access to a continuum of long term care services, expand the capacity of home and community based services, while systematically closing 1,500 Title XIX nursing home beds.

I and the Regional Office staff of the Administration on Aging in Chicago, Illinois look forward to working with you in the continuing implementation of this State Plan. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. I appreciate your dedication and commitment toward improving the lives of the older residents of Indiana.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Secretary on Aging